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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, NW Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Ex Parte No. 658

The 25th Anniversary of the Staggers Rail Act of

1980: A Review and Look Ahead

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please accept this Notice of Intent for the undersigned to appear on behalf of the Transportation•Communications International Union (TCU) in the hearing in the above-captioned matter. It is requested that TCU be allotted fifteen (15) minutes for such a presentation and will be addressing its views on the effects of the Staggers Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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